



News and Events in the 5th Grade  
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#### **Important Dates**

Dec. 1	Unit 5 math test
Dec. 5-6	Outdoor Education
Dec. 9	Report Cards

#### **Dear Families,**

This year's Outdoor Education experience will be held at the Lorado Taft field campus in Oregon, Illinois. Students will leave on Monday, December 5, spend the night at the field campus and return on Tuesday, December 6.

If your child has not yet completed the Household Report Card on the inside back cover of the Think Energy Student Guide, please have him/her complete it and return it to school this week. We must submit our school's completed report card information this week in order to receive a \$100 grant.

#### **Specials**

**Art** - The Art Room blog is back! Please check out [www.owholmesartgallery.blogspot.com](http://www.owholmesartgallery.blogspot.com). Here you can see what your student is learning about in Art, and see our artwork as well.

**Music** - All 5th Graders will need to complete a Composer's Monthly before the end of the trimester. They are located in each student's music notebook, which is normally kept in the music classroom. However, at any point in the trimester they may take their books home to complete this assignment, as long as they bring the book back before the next music class. To complete the assignment, they need to pick September, October or November's composer of the month, read the article, and then answer the questions at the article on the notebook paper in the back of the music notebook. For extra credit they may do the activity pages but it is not required. If you have any questions please email Mrs. Karia at [akaria@op97.org](mailto:akaria@op97.org).

**Spanish** - Students will begin a new story this week- *Carlos y los Tres Monstruos*.  
[www.mpoleski.blogspot.com](http://www.mpoleski.blogspot.com)

**Library** - Information can be found on the Holmes Library page on our school website, <http://www.op97.org/holmes/mediacenter/>.

**Physical Education** - Please see Mr. Williams' link ([www.d97mrwilliams.blogspot.com](http://www.d97mrwilliams.blogspot.com)) for information.



**Reading/Literature**  
**TREASURES - UNIT 2**  
**Unit Theme/Big Idea**

Unit 2: Investigations

**Selection Titles:**

*The Extreme Costs of Extreme Weather*  
*Hurricanes*

**Comprehension Skill**

Analyzing Text Structure - Descriptive Text

**Word Study Skill**

Multiple Meaning Words (*That girl has pretty eyes.*  
*Thread the needle through the eye).*

**Language Arts/Writing**

**Writing Assignment:** We will continue to work on writing the final drafts of our Family Metaphor poems. We will then switch our focus towards personification.

**Grammar Focus:** This week our grammar lesson will be a review of plural and possessive nouns, as well as how to correctly punctuate titles of books, newspapers, magazines and movies.

**Math**

This week, we will work on graphing. We will create bar graphs and use geometry templates to create circle graphs (pie charts). That will bring us to the end of the unit. The unit test will be this Thursday. We will review in class on Wednesday and students will have a review sheet from which to study.

**Science**

As an end of unit project, students will be conducting a feasibility study to evaluate the possibility of powering a classroom with an alternative energy source. Students will have time to work on the project in class. Projects will be due on December 19.

**Social Studies**

Students will learn about the theories of what may have happened to the lost colony of Roanoke and will choose the theory they feel makes most sense. Then we will receive additional information about local tribes, which may change a few minds. We also will study Jamestown this week before moving to our study of New England, the Middle colonies, and the Southern Colonies.

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